

Youth devotional

Think about today's verse. Pray and ask God to help you understand His Word and apply it to your life.

Romans 8:21-23 *that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22- For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23- And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.*

In the previous devotional, we talked about how creation is longing for Christ's return and for all things to be made new. Our planet has a fallen nature and that is why we experience earthquakes, tornadoes, volcanoes, and devastating natural disasters. The Scripture calls these disasters the pains of childbirth as the world awaits its new birth. In Revelation we learn that God has promised a new heaven and a new earth. Nature will be a part of the new heaven and the new earth as it will be returned to a state similar to what it was in the Garden of Eden.

In addition to natural disasters what are other birth pains creation experiences?

All things will be made new and perfect, back to their former Glory, before sin entered the world. The best comparison to that future time is the Garden of Eden, but it may be even better than how we imagine that! Our resurrected, glorified bodies and the creation will be perfect while we dwell with God.

What do you think it will be like to live with God in eternity as compared to now?

Revelation 12:1-4 *1. And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*

What do you think an eternity without pain or sorrow of any kind will be like?

Isaiah 11:6-8 tells us that animals will live in perfect peace with each other and with man. Can you imagine walking with lions, tigers, and bears oh my!!! It describes babies playing with venomous snakes that would normally attack humans. A world without sin allows all things to live in perfect harmony and peace.

Think about what the perfect harmony and peace of eternity will be like. How will it feel, how will it look, how will it sound?

Because we have a relationship with Jesus we can have hope in a future Glory. We will live with God and experience a time of perfect peace free from all viruses, sickness, emotional pain, physical pain, hunger, danger, and fear.

If you do not have hope for the future or need help understanding a relationship with Jesus, please reach out to one of the church staff or the youth leaders we would love to help you understand Gospel so you can know the Price of Peace.

1 John 5:14-15 14. And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. 15. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

Spend some time in prayer and pray that God would meet your needs according to His will.

Prayer Journal

Pray for 3 lost friends or family
